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### 1960-04-23, Bette to Parents

Bette J. Barto

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**Summary**

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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DOCTOR'S PROGRESS NOTES

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DATE

23 April 60.  
Saturday 1<sup>30</sup> pm

Dear Mom and Sassy,

I'm on duty and have only 28 patients, so it's kinda quiet right now. It will probably come alive just about quitting time.

I haven't heard from you since the letter written last Friday; so I'm wondering if Elmer went to the Baptist and what was done. I guess you've had your hands full of he did - what with riding buses to and from, and nursing him besides. I hope he feels better and has let the doctors try to keep him.

I have felt much better this week, but two of the other nurses have been ill - one got caught and was hospitalized 4 days with the same thing. I should have been, I suppose; but I resisted.

Ray is working all day today too. The weather has been very bad for flying most of the week so they keep

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will work 7 days per week through June.  
This is killing Ray, because of golf and  
beach sweaters

He are going to a Beatnik party  
at the Club tonight. You know, the bongos  
drums, beard, and sweat shirt wearing  
types. They aren't going to have any  
tables and chairs to sit at, just mattresses  
on the floor - this means you have to  
"reserve a pad" or you don't sit down.  
I'm going to wear my black cotton pajamas  
with the bright striped tee-shirt and Ray  
is wearing his bright pink golf trousers  
and a black t-shirt. He is supposed  
to borrow 2 black tanks from one of the  
fighter squadrons who wear them with their  
flight suits. I told him not to shave <sup>this a.m.</sup> so  
he ought to look raucous enough by  
that time. He just called and he forgot  
to reserve six pads; so we may not  
sit at all this evening. He had a  
new F-100 to fly this morning and he  
was as excited as a kid with a new  
toy. He has flown 3 hours already  
today.

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The weather out today is like hot summertime. I want to go lie in the sun so bad I can taste it, but I'll be too rushed when I get home - maybe tomorrow when I get off I can. I work 6 days this time before I get a day off and then I go on 11-7 for a week starting next Friday nite. I dress it as usual, but so far none of our group has volunteered for it permanently.

Well, it's time to count my wrestles and get ready for the next shift, so I'll stop -

I hope Jeff & Jill are OK by now - with no sequelae from the measles - and Daddy too -

Love you both,  
Beve

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